

**MULTIMODAL COMMUNICATION METHOD AND APPARATUS
WITH MULTIMODAL PROFILE**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A multimodal communication system and method creates and accesses a
5 multimodal profile (114) that contains at least multimodal preference information (202),
such as desired input modality and a desired output modality for a given multimodal
communication session. The multimodal profile (114) may also include at least one
identifier (204) associated with the multimodal preference information (202). A
multimodal communication apparatus (102) includes a multimodal profile generator
10 (110) that accesses and/or generates a multimodal profile (114). A multimodal
communication apparatus configuration controller (112) which is operatively
responsive to the accessed multimodal preference information (124) from a given user
profile, configures the multimodal communication apparatus (102) and/or a network
element for the multimodal communication session based on the accessed multimodal
15 preference information (124) in the multimodal profile.